

~~the bicycle and pedestrian path that are within the right of way of the Intercounty Connector shall be separated from the highway shoulder by an appropriate barrier or gap, and designed and constructed using best engineering practices for bicycle and pedestrian paths.~~

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly fully supports the inclusion of a continuous bike and pedestrian path as part of the Intercounty Connector. The Department of Transportation is urged to review all options for an East-West trail system that would link the Shady Grove Metrorail Station with U.S. 1. Depending on which corridor is chosen, the Department is encouraged to maximize opportunities within the Intercounty Connector right-of-way as well as to make use of connections to existing and planned trails in both counties to enable better connectivity and lessen impacts of the most sensitive environmental areas.

SECTION ~~2, 3, 4, 5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 473

(Senate Bill 306)

AN ACT concerning

~~Board of Public Works—Disposition of Protected Lands~~

Land Preservation and State Asset Protection Act

~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of Public Works, subject to certain conditions, from approving the sale, lease, transfer, exchange, or grant, or other disposition of any certain State owned or State designated outdoor recreation, open space, conservation, preservation, forest, or other park land; exempting from this Act certain transfers of property from the State to local governments for certain purposes; requiring the Department of Planning to notify certain persons by certain means concerning the identification of certain property as surplus property; requiring the Department to conduct a certain public hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Planning and the Department of Natural Resources to make certain recommendations relating to the designation of certain property as surplus property; requiring the Department of Planning to determine, in consultation with a certain local governing body, whether a certain disposition of certain property conforms to the local comprehensive plan; requiring the Department of General Services to have certain property appraised under certain circumstances; authorizing the Legislative Policy Committee to review and comment on certain proposed dispositions; authorizing the Legislative Policy Committee to approve or refer certain proposed dispositions to the full General Assembly for approval through legislation; requiring the Department of General Services to conduct certain~~